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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On page 4, please replace the 1st full paragraph with the following new paragraph:

In accordance with this arrangement, since the automatic transmission is shifted by intermittently engaging the first clutch when the deviation of the actual ration from the target ratio exceeds the predetermined value, compared with a case in which shifting is carried out by continuously engaging the first clutch it is possible to reduce the power consumption by minimizing the time for which the automatic transmission is driven by the first motor/generator.